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**An Act To Remove the Advanced Cardiac Life Support
Certification Requirement for Dental Therapists**

(EMERGENCY)

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas**, current law requires a dental hygienist who is a dental therapist to provide
4 verification of a current advanced cardiac life support certification; and

5 **Whereas**, this certification, which is not required for a dentist, is a barrier to licensing
6 dental therapists seeking to work in the State and should be eliminated as soon as possible;
7 and

8 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
11 therefore,

12 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

13 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18345, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §7, is
14 further amended in subparagraph (4) by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

15 For purposes of meeting the clinical requirements of this subparagraph, an
16 applicant's hours of supervised clinical experience completed under the
17 supervision of a dentist licensed in another state or a Canadian province may be
18 included, as long as the applicant was operating lawfully under the laws and rules
19 of that state or province; and

20 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18345, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §7, is
21 further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

22 (5) A copy of the written practice agreement and standing orders required by
23 section 18377, subsection 3; and.

24 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18345, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §7, is
25 further amended by repealing subparagraph (6).

26 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §18345, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §7, is
27 further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

28 (1) Verification of meeting the requirements of paragraph C, subparagraphs (2);
29 and (3) ~~and (6)~~; and

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
31 takes effect when approved.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill repeals the requirement that a dental hygienist who applies for dental therapist
34 authority provide verification of a current advanced cardiac life support certification.